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Timber Transit Rules

* 873Q.—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any complaints of harassment of the public by the Forest officials under Timber Transit Rules in Pudukkottai since merger; and

(*b*) whether the Government contemplate evolving any procedure for easy and cheap *bona fide* movement of fuel cart-loads into the town of Pudukkottai from its rural areas?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.
" (*b*) Does not arise."

Headquarters Hospital, Tiruchirappalli

* 874 Q.—Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of beds available in the Government Headquarters Hospital, Tiruchirappalli, in the general ward and special wards;

(*b*) the number of applicants for the beds in the special wards during the year 1953–54;

(*c*) the number of persons who were allotted beds in the special wards;

(*d*) the number of persons who could not be provided with beds for want of accommodation;

(*e*) whether the Government propose to increase the bed-strength in the special wards; and

(*f*) if so, when?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Two hundred and thiry-seven in the general wards and 38 in the special wards.

" ((*a*) Figures are not available.

" (*b*) 601.

" (*d*) All deserving patients are given admission in the general wards. Paying patients are admitted to special wards.

" (*e*) There is no proposal at present.

" (*f*) Does not arise."

Felling timber in Malabar

* 875 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether timber trade in the West Coast has been adversely affected and a large number of workers have been thrown out of employment due to the non-issue of permits by the Collector of Malabar for felling timber;